

Burlington County Community Development Program
General Advisory Committee

September 11, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

1. Call to order – Open Public Meetings Act
The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM by Jennifer Hiros, Community Development and Housing Division Head. Jennifer Hiros stated that the meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was opened for public comment. No members of the public were present, and since no comments were made, Jennifer Hiros closed the public comment.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of June 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Doreen Sopronyi moved to approve the June 12, 2025, meeting minutes and Gina Adams seconded. **Motion carried.**
4. Spotlight Presentation:
 - a. Literacy New Jersey – Julia Braghimova
Literacy New Jersey provides literacy support for both native English speakers, and individuals learning English as a second language. Classes are available to help students prepare for the GED test, build computer skills, and develop job readiness. Literacy NJ also offers English classes for non-native speakers, promoting better integration into communities, along with citizenship preparedness classes. Interested volunteers can contact Julia Braghimova at jfadeeva@literacynj.org.
 - b. SEN-HAN – Chris Smith
SEN-HAN Transportation, supported by CDBG funding, offers free transportation for seniors and disabled individuals in Burlington County. People can use this service for medical appointments and shopping. Recently, SEN-HAN redesigned the routing and scheduling systems to an AI-powered real-time platform, enhancing the client experience.
5. Reports:
 - a. Community Development and Housing – Jennifer Hiros
Jennifer Hiros stated that the Division of Community Development and Housing has submitted the 5-year Consolidated Plan, which is currently under HUD’s review. The Division of Community Development and Housing will host a public hearing on September 12, 2025, to hear comments on the 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance Report, prior to its submission to HUD for acceptance.
Home stabilization requests stay steady. Home stabilization, such as heater/air repair, emergency home repairs, and home improvement loans, helps long-time homeowners stay in their homes.
 - b. HOME - Myasia Lopez - No report was given.

c. Finance – No report was given

d. Continuum of Care – Jennifer Hiros

Jennifer Hiros reported that HUD has announced a new Notice of Opportunity Funding (NOFO) for permanent housing activities. Information will be forthcoming.

6. Action Items: There were no action items.

7. Discussion:

There was no additional discussion.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Lake

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